(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Representation from the service Doctors organisations

2874. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the service doctors have again appealed to Government to institute a judicial enquiry for fixing responsibility for the non-implementation of agreement pertaining to promotions and financial benefits;

(b) whether the Joint Act' on Council of service doctors organisations had sent a fresh representation to Government;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is. Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI R AS HEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The JACSDO have urged Government to institute a judicial enquiry with regard |to non-implementation of certain provitions of the Memorandum of Settlement dated 21-8-89 and to fix responsibility for taking action against persons found to be at fault. It has been decided to entrust certain points of disputed interpretations in respect of above Memorandum of Settlement for consideration etc. to a Committee headed by Secretary (Co-ordination) and including senior representatives of Department of Expenditure and Personnel.

International conference an AIDS

2875. SHRI SURESH PACHOURT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that sixth Internationa! Conference on AIDS was held recently in San Francisco;

(b) whether the conference opined that the world is still under the dark about ways of coping with the virus that causes the illness;

(c) what were the subjects discussed in the conference; and

(d) what were the decisions taken and what steps India is taking to tackle the problem of AIDS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The conference covered all major areas in AIDS research and management including epidemiology, clinical problems, AIDS problem in special groups such as homosexuals, HIV drug addicts, prostitutes, women and children, diagnostic tests, therapeutic agents and potential candidate vaccines. In addition to the medical and basic-science topics, special attention was paid to the psycho-social, ethical and legal aspects of ATDS.

(d) The conference emphasised the fact that health education plays key role in prevention of HIV infection Facilities for counselling and care of sero-positive persons and AIDS cases are to be built up in all countries because of the increase in number of persons requiring these service in the nineties Research efforts for finding curative drugs and effective vaccine should be continued. Sentinel surveillance to monitor trends in prevalence of HIV infection should be strengthened.

Government of India has drawn up Medium Term Plan for Prevention of AIDS. In the Medium Term